

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image communication apparatus
comprising:

original reading means for reading an original
5 by means of an optical mechanism;

image processing means for performing image
processing of an image read by said original reading
means and a received image;

image recording means for recording an image
10 image processing of which has been performed by said
image processing means;

calling means for calling an opposite party of
communication;

communication means for communicating with an
15 opposite party machine through a predetermined
communication line;

operation instructing means for instructing
reading operation by said original reading means,
image processing operation by said image processing
20 means, image recording operation by said image
recording means, calling operation by said calling
means and communication operation by said
communication means; and

operation instruction disabling means for
25 disabling an instruction of each of the operation by
said operation instructing means.

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2. An image communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising off-hook means for catching a communication line, said off-hook means being in a shape of a handset and enabling an instruction of each of the operation by said operation instructing means.

3. An image communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising off-hook means for catching a communication line, said off-hook means being provided on a cordless subsidiary phone and enabling an instruction of each of the operation, which has been disabled by a parent phone, by said operation instructing means.

4. An image communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising displaying means for displaying the disabling of an instruction of each of the operation by said operation instructing means.

5. An image communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a cordless subsidiary phone including displaying means for displaying the disabling of an instruction of each of the operation by said operation instructing means of a parent phone.

6. An image communication apparatus including

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an operation panel having operation keys for making said image communication apparatus perform predetermined operation by being operated, said apparatus comprising:

- 5 a key lock switch for prohibiting an input by operation of at least one of said operation keys; and
 reset judging means for judging whether prohibition of the input by said key lock switch is reset or not.

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7. An image communication apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising:

- attribute storing means for storing an attribute indicating whether the prohibition of the
15 input by said key lock switch is performed or not as to each of said operation keys; and

 comparing means for comparing the attribute of a key and a setting of said key lock switch.

- 20 8. An image communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the attribute is stored in said image communication apparatus by an setting of an operator.

- 25 9. An image communication apparatus according to any one of claims 6 to 8, further comprising:

 password storing means for storing a password;

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password inputting means for inputting a
password; and

password checking means for checking the
password inputted by said password inputting means
5 against the password stored in said password storing
means.

10. An image communication apparatus according
to any one of claims 6 to 8, further comprising:
10 timing means;
predetermined time information storing means
for storing predetermined time information; and
predetermined time judging means for judging
whether a predetermined time has passed or not.

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11. An image communication apparatus according
to claim 9, further comprising:
predetermined time information storing means
for storing predetermined time information; and
20 predetermined time judging means for judging
whether an predetermined time has passed or not.